

# ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

## Wayne County



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Utah Department of Workforce Services

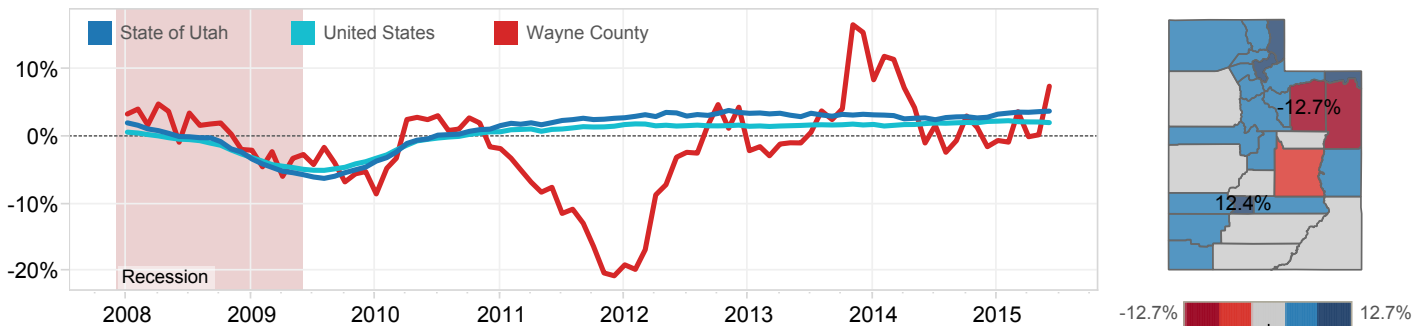
### Year-to-Year Change in Nonfarm Jobs JUNE 2015\*

↑ 80

3.8%  
State of Utah

2.1%  
United States

7.5%  
Wayne County



### How's the economy?

Wayne County's most recent set of indicators presented a mixed bag of economic performances. Jobs shot up at the end of second quarter, but this may prove to be an anomaly. However, the county's unemployment rate continues to slip downward which might point to strong employment growth in third quarter. Nevertheless, joblessness in Wayne County measures higher than is desirable and ranks second-highest in the state. Higher unemployment appears to be the lingering effect of the county losing its largest employer given the static performance of first-time claims for unemployment insurance. Construction permitting is down from last year, but on the positive side, second-quarter gross taxable sales showed strong improvement.

### Jobs

Between June 2014 and June 2015, Wayne County's nonfarm employment skyrocketed by 80 jobs and 7.5 percent.



Most industries contributed to the overall expansion. Only manufacturing showed a very small loss.



Construction, leisure/hospitality services and government proved the major job-gaining movers and shakers.



\*Preliminary  
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; Utah Department of Workforce Services.

[Link for PDF version.](http://jobs.utah.gov/wi/regions/county/wayne.html) jobs.utah.gov/wi/regions/county/wayne.html  
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## Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate SEPTEMBER 2015

3.6%

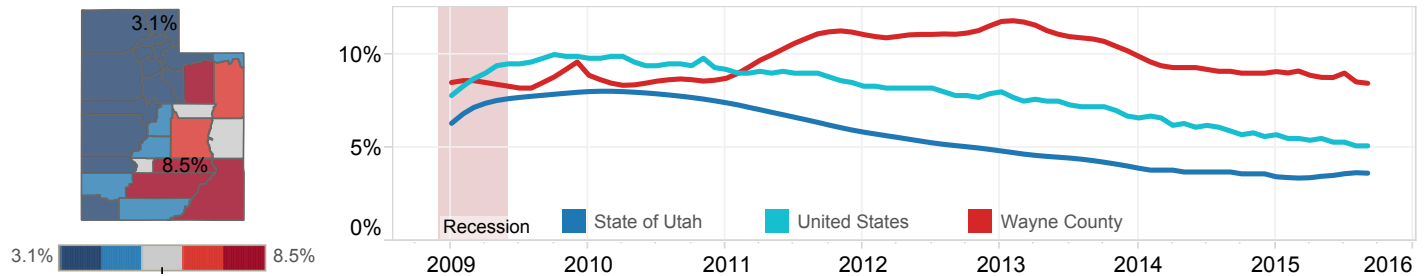
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5.1%

United States

8.5%

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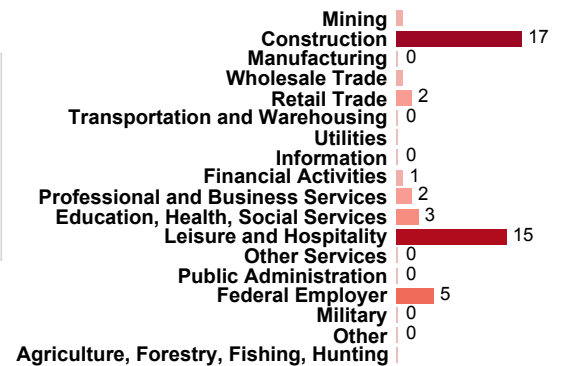
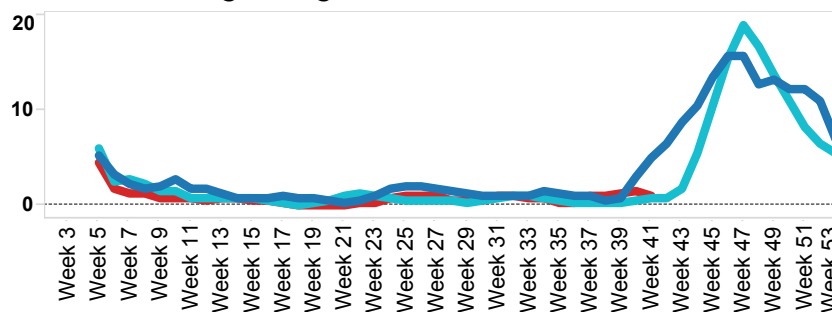


## Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance

YTD October 9, 2015

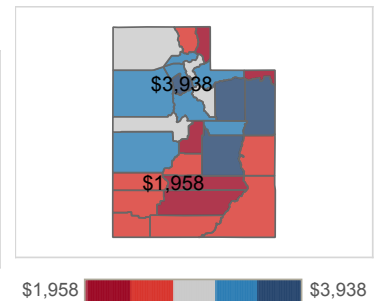
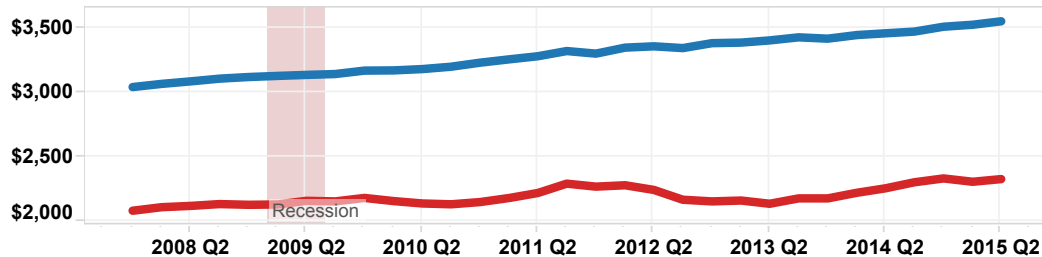
Four-Week Moving Average

2013 2014 2015



## Average Monthly Wage SECOND QUARTER 2015\*

Four-Quarter Moving Average



## Unemployment and Wages

Wayne County's unemployment rate slipped to 8.5 percent in September 2015, down from 9.1 percent a year earlier.



With the second highest jobless rate in the state, Wayne County still has a way to go before achieving full employment.



First-time claims for unemployment insurance preserved a low seasonal level during the early autumn, showing no sign of a cyclical problem.



The county's average monthly nonfarm wage has flattened in recent quarters.



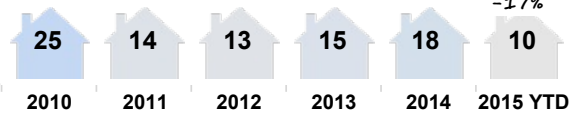
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## Construction Permitting JANUARY - JULY 2015

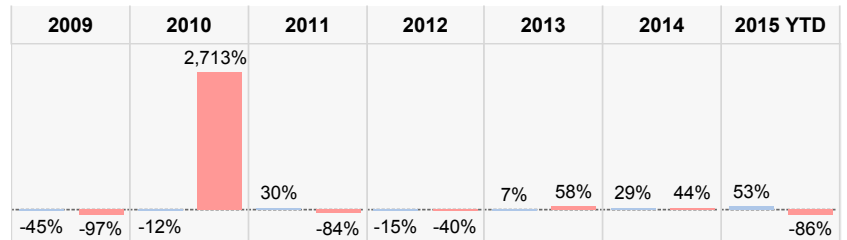
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### Dwelling Unit Permits

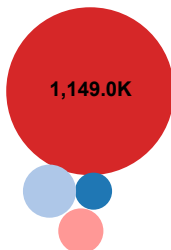


Add/Alt/Repair Nonres New Nonresidential  
Add/Alter/Repair Res New Residential

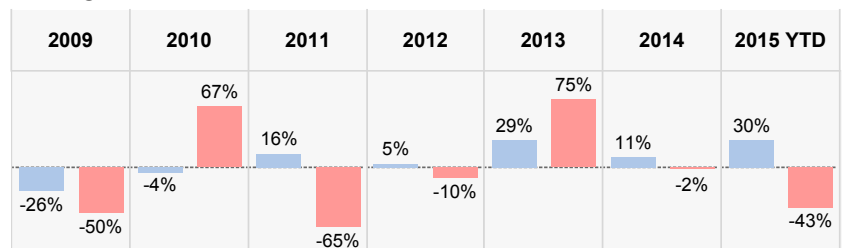
### Change in Nonresidential Values



### JANUARY - JULY 2015



### Change in Total Values



## Year-to-Year Change in Gross Taxable Sales SECOND QUARTER 2015

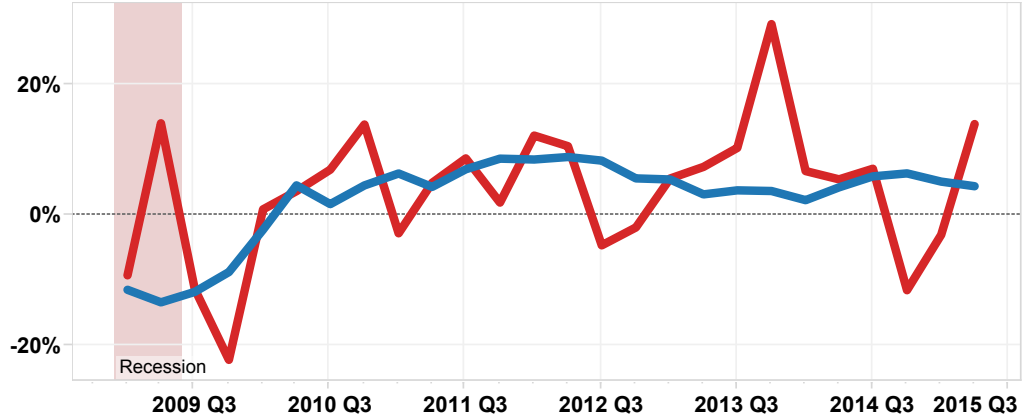
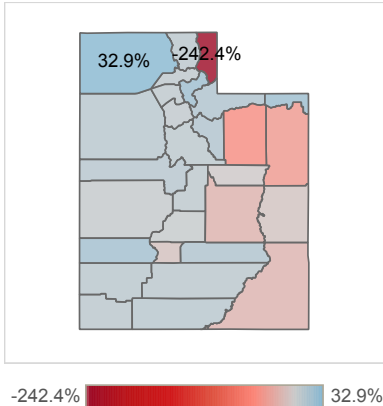
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State of Utah

\$ 4.3%

Wayne County

\$13.9%



## Construction and Sales

For the first seven months of 2015, total construction values dropped by 43 percent.



Both new residential and new nonresidential sectors are caught in the current decline.



Gross taxable sales followed employment's lead with a dramatic 14-percent year-over increase in second quarter 2015.



Strong sales in retail trade, leisure/hospitality services and a prior-period adjustment accounted for a large portion of the second-quarter increase.



\*Preliminary

Source: Utah Dept. of Workforce Services, Utah Bureau of Economic and Business Research and Utah State Tax Commission.



## Nonfarm Jobs by Month SECOND QUARTER 2015\*

Sector and Industry	April 2015			May 2015			June 2015		
	Total Jobs	Year-Ago Percent Change	Year-Ago Numeric Change	Total Jobs	Year-Ago Percent Change	Year-Ago Numeric Change	Total Jobs	Year-Ago Percent Change	Year-Ago Numeric Change
<b>TOTAL</b>	973.0	0.0%	0.0	1,036	0.3%	3	1,141	7.5%	80
<b>GOODS PRODUCTION</b>	137.0	12.3%	15.0	160	33.3%	40	171	29.5%	39
Construction	107.0	8.1%	8.0	124	24.0%	24	135	16.4%	19
Manufacturing	4.0	-42.9%	-3.0	4	-20.0%	-1	4	-33.3%	-2
<b>SERVICE PRODUCTION</b>	836.0	-1.8%	-15.0	876	-4.1%	-37	970	4.4%	41
Trade Transport Utilities	152.0	5.6%	8.0	157	-3.1%	-5	169	3.7%	6
Retail Trade	105.0	8.2%	8.0	112	-3.4%	-4	123	7.0%	8
Financial Activities	0.0		0.0	0		0	0		0
Finance and Insurance	0.0		0.0	0		0	0		0
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	0.0		0.0	0		0	0		0
Professional and Business Svcs	8.0	14.3%	1.0	8	14.3%	1	8	14.3%	1
Professional/Scientific/Techn Svcs	8.0	14.3%	1.0	8	14.3%	1	8	14.3%	1
Management of Companies	0.0		0.0	0		0	0		0
Administrative Support/Waste Mgmt	0.0		0.0	0		0	0		0
Education, Health, Social Svcs	89.0	-16.8%	-18.0	92	-14.0%	-15	96	1.1%	1
Educational Services	0.0		0.0	0		0	0		0
Health Care and Social Services	89.0	-16.8%	-18.0	92	-14.0%	-15	96	1.1%	1
Leisure and Hospitality	300.0	-0.7%	-2.0	314	-6.3%	-21	366	3.7%	13
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	16.0	0.0%	0.0	18	20.0%	3	20	5.3%	1
Accommodation and Food Services	284.0	-0.7%	-2.0	296	-7.5%	-24	346	3.6%	12
Other Services	19.0	5.6%	1.0	19	5.6%	1	22	22.2%	4
<b>Government</b>	267.0	-1.8%	-5.0	285	0.7%	2	308	5.5%	16
Federal	72.0	-4.0%	-3.0	89	-3.3%	-3	111	11.0%	11
State	23.0	0.0%	0.0	23	0.0%	0	23	0.0%	0
Local	172.0	-1.1%	-2.0	173	3.0%	5	174	3.0%	5
<b>Covered Ag, Forestry, Fishing &amp; Hunting*</b>	8.0	-42.9%	-6.0	11	-15.4%	-2	14	40.0%	4

\* Not included in total.

Note: Detail may not add to total due to rounding and the exclusion of confidential data.

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